



# BACK TO BASICS

CWL NEWSLETTER

ANTIGONISH DIOCESAN CWL NEWS



Antigonish Diocesan President

Cleo Windsor

## *President's Message*

Welcome back to Fall after our wonderful summer. It is often difficult to get back into the swing of things when we have had a beautiful vacation from meetings and schedules.

You have to admit, though, it is great seeing all our friends again at our monthly meetings and planning activities, where we all work together towards a common goal. I would like to welcome all our new members to the Catholic Women's League and I know you will love being part of this awesome organization.

Bishop Brian Dunn has appointed a new Spiritual Advisor to guide us over the next few years. I want to offer a special welcome to Fr. Dan Boudreau and thank him for agreeing to be part our team.

My hope is to visit as many councils as possible over the next two years.

## Reflection:

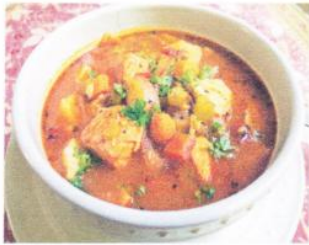


Let us light a candle for goodness and virtue, and pray for our government leaders that they may have the courage and wisdom always to decide what is best for the common good. Let us pray for ourselves and for all religious leaders that we may always speak what is true and good and live accordingly.

Let us light a candle in thanksgiving, and pray for all who are engaged in volunteer work, that it may lead them to deep spiritual peace. Let us pray for our parishes and families, for the sick and dying and for all Christians, that we may be a *Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's call.*

### Good Works of the Antigonish Diocesan CWL Councils

Submitted by Natalie Samson  
St. Joseph's, Petit de Gras



St. Joseph's CWL, Petit de Grat hosted a Haddock Chowder Supper as part of the Acadian Festival in August. There was an excellent turn out and let me say the chowder was very tasty. This was part of a fundraiser for our upcoming Anniversary Celebrations.

We will be hosting a Prayer Shawl Workshop in November. More details to follow.

We have started planning our 65th Anniversary which will take place in

December of 2018 "Happy Anniversary St. Joseph's CWL"

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Submitted by Patricia Parago  
St. Theresa's, Sydney



Information Night was held Monday September 18 with guest speakers from our diocese executive that brought us up to date on their new offices, and some of the functions. Ladies from Cardeill Place spoke on the community needs. Members from St. Marguerite Bourgeoys will brought news of the Refugee Family they have adopted.

Our Annual Card Party was held on September 26th, at the Parish Center.

St. Theresa's Feast Day was celebrated on October 2, with mass and prayer, followed by light lunch.

C.W.L. ladies will be attending the Fall Conference on October 13/14 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Stellarton.

Under the Umbrella Collection of winter clothing, will be taking place over the next month. deadline date is Nov. 5th.

Pornography Hurts Campaign will take place throughout October.

Christmas Shoe boxes for our Northern Community children, grades 7 to 12 will be collected and shipped out in time for Christmas.

St. Theresa's Annual Fall Fair will be held on Thursday November 16th., at 7:00, at the Parish Center.

C.W.L. Annual Christmas Party, Sunday December 3rd. Delivery of Poinsettias to our sick and shut-ins will take place December, 9th.

### Council News



Submitted by St. John the Baptist President  
Marlaine Burke (Palliative Care Quilt Project)

St. John the Baptist gave a quilt to palliative care. One of the ladies thought it would be a good idea to open it up to anyone who wanted to help. They put it in the church bulletin. The first week, they received 45 lap quilts from one lady, with another 19 to come later from other members, they had a total of 64 quilts. We have given 18 to the local Villa in St Peter's and about 8, with more to come, to the Strait Richmond hospital. Because we had so many, we delivered the rest to shut ins and terminally sick people in our community. At present they have three left. When we are sure we have everyone we will bring all the rest to the Palliative care unit at the Strait Richmond Hospital. We felt it was a wonderful success and are very proud of the wonderful response we had for this project.

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St. Joseph, Port Hawkesbury,  
Submitted by Louise Campbell

St Joseph CWL Council of Port Hawkesbury has hosted in the Spring of 2106 and 2017 a Women's Spirituality Day at our Parish in Port Hawkesbury. The suggestion for this event came from two of our members, Past President Sandra Praught and Council Member Marlene Ryan. In our first year Father Conrad Edwards did a presentation on Women of the Bible and Dorothy Ludlow presented an afternoon session which focussed on our own spirituality. In our second year, we were again delighted to welcome

back Dorothy Ludlow. Our afternoon session was presented by Sister Jovena MacPherson who is the driving force behind a ministry for the street people of Halifax. The program is open to all ladies in our Parish and surrounding communities. It has been very well received with attendance at 48 in the first year and 97 this year. We plan to build on our success and host another Women's Spirituality Day in the Spring of 2018.

Please submit any articles to Earlene Landry  
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Keep your sister councils informed of what's been happening and future plans in your councils.

**Antigonish Diocesan CWL Executive 2017-2019**

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